

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the claims as amended in this Preliminary Amendment for examination purposes. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

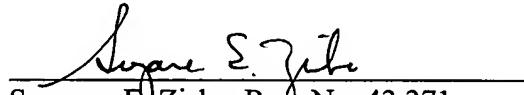
Applicants have amended the claims to remove improper multiple dependencies. No new matter is believed to be introduced by these amendments as the amendments are supported by the original claims and entry is respectfully requested. Applicants reserve the right to file a Continuation or Divisional application on the subject matter cancelled by way of this amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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